UNECE WORKSHOP
Road and Rail Transport Corridors along Europe and Asia

IRU – NELTI Corridors

Geneva, 7 September 2015
This is the IRU
Evolution of IRU Membership

1948: 8 Founding Member Countries

2015: present in over 100 countries
What does it take to have a cup of coffee in a café?

The combined efforts of 29 companies in 18 countries

Road Transport has become a vital production tool!

Source: IRU
Revitalising the Silk Road

If the Silk Road worked for Marco Polo then, why shouldn’t it work for trade and transport today?
IRU Caravan drivers saw this… adequate roads but little traffic!!
…until they reached border crossings!!
Any penalty on road transport is an even greater penalty on the economy as a whole!

Source: Hague Consulting Group

* Includes lost opportunities
IRU New Eurasian Land Transport Initiative (NELTI)

From September 2008
Monitoring over 200,000 border crossings

57% of transport time lost at border crossings
38% of transport costs due to unofficial levies
Implementation of key UN facilitation instruments
Allow the goods to cross the borders!
Pakistan Acceded to TIR Convention

Reference: C.N.420/2015 TREATIES-XI A 16 (Depositary Notification)

CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF GOODS UNDER COVER OF TIR CARNETS (TIR CONVENTION)
GENEVA, 14 NOVEMBER 1975
Pakistan: Accession

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 21 July 2015, with:

Reservation (Original: English)

“The Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan declares, in terms of Article 58 of the Convention, that it would not be bound by the provisions of Article 57, paragraphs 2 to 6 of the Convention.”

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The Convention will enter into force for Pakistan on 21 January 2016 in accordance with its article 53 (2) which reads as follows:

“After five States referred to in article 52, paragraph 1, have signed it without reservation of ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, this Convention shall enter into force for further Contracting Parties six months after the date of the deposit of their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.”

23 July 2015

[Signature]
China speeds up TIR accession process

13 February 2015
China Customs officially approved TIR accession file, which was sent for final review to 4 ministries

27 February 2015
Chinese Ministry of Transport: 
APPROVED

03 March 2015
Administration of Quality Inspection & Quarantine: 
APPROVED

06 March 2015
Ministry of Public Security: 
APPROVED

16 April 2015
Final Decision of Foreign Affairs: 
APPROVED

... 2015
For State Council of China approval
One Belt, One Road – TIR is the solution!
Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 2014

Resolution 69/215. Role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Secretary-General’s High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport,

Noting the Advisory Group’s recommendation on the role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development,

Resolves to improve road safety, 

3. Calls for efforts to promote regional economic integration and cooperation, including by improving cross-border transportation infrastructure, enhancing regional connectivity and facilitating regional trade and investment;

5. Invites all States that have not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying or acceding to the United Nations conventions and agreements on transport and transit facilitation;